ples with greater fertility potential under spacing methods. Full details of the scheme are being worked out.

(c) and (d) No separate allocations for the implementation of the action plan have been made during the year 1992-93. The action plan is a part of the revised strategy aiming at giving a new dynamism and thrust to the Family Welfare Programme in the country and the States/UTs are expected to implement it within the overall resources made available to them under the programme.

Committee on Safe Blood

1827. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee appointed to inquire into the incident involving blood certified as safe turning out to be infected with the AIDS virus has submitted its reports to the Delhi Administration; and

(b) if so, the details of the findings/recommendations made and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes.

(b) The Expert Committee has attributed the conflicting test reports on the blood samples getting mixed up or alternatively a remote possibility of getting false negative results. Based on this finding, the Expert Committee has recommended intensive training of personnel working in testing laboratories and close monitoring. Delhi Administration is taking necessary steps to work out uniform standardised procedures for handling, labelling and transporting of the blood samples.

Population Growth

1828. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that raising the statutory marriageable age, both for females and males, has been considered to be one of the effective ways to curb population growth; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issue of raising the statutory marriageable age of both female and male is being examined in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments in the Government of India and the State Governments/UTs Administration.

Illegal sale and encroachment of Pahari Land

1829. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. had lodged FIRs on the 16th Sept., 1988, 18th August, 1988 and 28th August, 1988 with the Ambedkar Nagar Police Station (Madangir) regarding the illegal sale and encroachment of stone bearing Pahari Land with Khasra Nos. 20, 21, 87, 40, 41 and 42 in the revenue estate of Devli Mines;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Police in this regard to stop illegal sale/encroachment of the above land; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above land is still being unauthorisedly sold by the land grabbers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Police have reported that as per available record, no FIR had been lodged by Delhi State Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., on 16-9-88, 18-8-88 and 28-8-88 at Police Station Ambedkar Nagar regarding sale and encroachment of Pahari Land in the revenue estate of Devli Mines bearing Khasra Nos. 20, 21, 37, 40, 41 and 42. However, a complaint from Delhi State Mineral Development Corporation was received at Police Station Dr. Ambedkar Nagar on 29-9-1988. No case was registered. The Delhi Police have reported that if the contents of a complaint clearly disclose the commission of cognizable offence, an FIR is immediately registered. However, in case of doubt, the complaint is kept under enquiry in view of the provision of P.P.R. 24.4 (i) and if on enquiry, the officer-in-charge of the Police Station is satisfied about the commission of a cognizable offence, an FIR is registered.

(c) Delhi Police have reported that no fresh encroachment is being done by the land grabbers.

Gas Leakage in Laxmi Nagar

1830 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 24th April, 1992 night there was leakage of gas in a Pharmaceutical Pharmacy situated at R/38, Laxmi Nagar (Ramesh Park) and complaint was lodged with Shakarpur Police Station;

(b) if so, the steps taken on the complaint;

(c) whether any steps are also being taken to prosecute those running such unauthorised chemical factories in this area; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Police have reported that there was no gas leakage in the Pharmaceutical Pharmacy situated at R/38, Laxmi Nagar (Ramesh Park). However, a chemical compound "formaline" leaked out in front of the factory while being unloaded. A complaint was lodged at Police Station Shakarpur A complaint under section 133 Cr. P. C. has been sent to SDM Shahadra for appropriate action.

(c) and (d) Action for prosecution against the traders for running such unauthorised factories/shops is taken at zonal level Prosecution action was taken on 1-5-1992 for running the unauthorised trade of storage and re-packing of medicines at R/38, Laxmi Nagar (Ramesh Park), Delhi.

Encroachments in Sangam Vihar, New Delhi

1831. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1750 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1991 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that DCP (Vigilance) has received any complaint dated the 20th March, 1991 regarding the involvement of Police officials of Okhla Police Station and others in unauthorised occupation/encroachment of Gram Sabha land of Devli Village in Sangam Vihar, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon;